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#### TRANSMITTAL LETTER

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is the following:

- Fifth Preliminary Amendment; and
- 2. Amended Version of the Claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

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Respectfully submitted,

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## FIFTH PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of the amendment set forth below.

#### I. Amendment

### A. In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Fourth Amendment) A method for using a computer system to distribute communication over an Internet network, the method including the steps of:

connecting a plurality of participator computers with a controller computer through the Internet, each said participator computer connected to an input device to receive